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CROATIAN JUDGES VISIT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA BANKRUPTCY COURT

On Tuesday, August 22, a group of eight Judges from Croatia visited the Court to learn how Bankruptcy cases are handled in the United States and to view the CM/ECF filing system. The visit was sponsored by the National Center for State Courts.

The group was greeted by Mrs. Evans in her conference room, where she provided an overview of the different chapters of the Bankruptcy Code. After the overview, the group was given a tour of the Clerk's Office on the 13th Floor.

When the tour was over, the Judges assembled in Judge W. Homer Drake's courtroom for a demonstration of the CM/ECF courtroom function. Bruce White, Systems Manager, and Lee Wong, Hardware Automation Specialist, demonstrated the use of the courtroom computers.

While still in the courtroom, Gary Drake presented a screencam version of the docketing of a motion, and viewing the document from the docket report.

The visit was highly successful, and the

Croatian Judges were pleased with the information that was provided. In fact, it was suggested that we travel to Croatia to assist in the implementation of an electronic filing system.

MILTON JONES WORKING WITHOUT A KEYBOARD

It sounds a little like working without a net, but Milton Jones is utilizing voice recognition software at a very efficient level. We received word that Milton had successfully removed the keyboard from his computer and was able to create petitions, motions, proposed orders, and memoranda without placing his hands on a keyboard.

It sounded too good to be true, so we paid a visit to Milton to see it in action.

It worked!

Milton drafted a memorandum, made corrections and printed the document without touching a keyboard. Sounds good? He then produced an Employer Deduction Order the same way.

We were impressed !

There were even several things he could accomplish in the CM/ECF program. However, the ability to select documents in a pick list doesn't yet exist, and we couldn't get the program to click on hyperlinks. But, other than that, everything worked extremely well.

If you are interested in this technology, we are sure Milton would be more than happy to discuss it with you.

NETSCAPE VERSION 6

The currently available release of Netscape Communicator Version 6 is a preview version ONLY and is not even close to being bug-free. The company released Version 6 sometime last month as an introduction to some of the features it plans to develop for the final version. If you are using Netscape 6 as your primary browser, we recommend that you go back to (or reinstall) Netscape 4.7X as soon as possible.

CM/ECF DEMONSTRATED FOR OTHER BANKRUPTCY COURTS

In addition to the visit from the Croatian Judges, we have been sharing our knowledge with several other Bankruptcy Courts that are in the planning stages for CM/ECF implementation.

We have recently provided demonstrations and training to personnel from the Northern District of Texas and

the Middle District of Georgia. The Middle District of Georgia is not planning to implement the receipt of electronic documents from parties at this time. They will be working on the docketing and case management functions from the Clerk's Office standpoint. They will wait and fully implement the total electronic version at a later date.

The Western District of Missouri and the Middle of Tennessee are scheduled to go live by the middle of December. These courts have scheduled visits to Atlanta in the near future.

The Middle District of Alabama and the Northern District of California are scheduled for visits in September.

STATISTICS

The total number of electronically filed cases is slightly down from last month. The figures for cases filed for the period of August 1 to August 22 is shown in the chart below:

Division	Total Filings	Total Paperless	Percentage
Atlanta	1131	294	26%
G'ville	149	39	26%
Newnan	224	48	21%
Rome	256	98	38%
Total	1760	479	27%